

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 14 are amended. This response is filed in order to include the appropriate claims identifier. Claims 1-15 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to a method of identifying a suitable polymer attachment site on a protein, classified in class 702, subclass 19.
- II. Claim 15, drawn to a protein, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, Claims 1-14.

Species Election

Group I

Election of one of the following species is required:

- A, claim 3, drawn to where a polymer is generated by chain buildup; and
- B, claims 4, 5, and 6, drawn to where the polymer is generated by utilizing a starting polymeric conformer and perturbing the conformer.

Applicants elect Species A. Claims 1-3 and 7-14 read on the elected species.

Group II

In addition, election of one of the following species is required:

- C, claim 11, drawn to where the polymer is branched; and
- D, claim 12, drawn to where the polymer is unbranched.

Applicants elect Species D (unbranched). Claims 1-10 and 12-14 read on the elected species.

Applicants make this election with the understanding that should allowable subject matter be found, applicants are entitled to consideration of a generic claim encompassing additional species. Applicants respectfully submit that such elections are without prejudice and

expressly reserve the right to rejoiner or the right to prosecute the non-elected claims at a later stage.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and early notification to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels there are further unresolved issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to phone the undersigned at (415) 442-1216.

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